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(54) Process for producing multilevel metallization in an integrated circuit

(57) A method for fabricating a multi-level integrated circuit is disclosed which utilizes a grid pattern from which portions corresponding to the metal layer are selectively removed to form a mask which is subsequently

used to deposit dummy features in the open areas between metal lines, thereby to allow the deposition of a substantially planar dielectric surface over the metal layers and dummy features.

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